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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST OVER PUBLICATION OF ALLEGED
SOVIET SPIES IN NY

REF: USUN 811 AND 591; STATE 48463

1. SOVIET CHARGE VORONTSOV TELEPHONED EUR/SOV DIRECTOR
MARCH 3 TO REGISTER ORAL PROTEST ABOUT FACT THAT CHANNEL 7
IN NYC IS CARRYING STORY WITH DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT
SOVIET UN OFFICIALS TOGETHER WITH ALLEGATIONS ABOUT
INTELLIGENCE CONNECTIONS. VORONTSOV COMMENTED THAT THIS
PUBLICITY COULD LEAD TO TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES AND ASKED
THAT DEPARTMENT DO SOMETHING TO STOP IT. HE NOTED THAT
OTHER COUNTRIES ALSO HAVE TELEVISION WHICH CAN BE USED
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FOR SIMILAR PURPOSES. GARRISON ACKNOWLEDGED PROTEST AND COMMENTED THAT VORONTSOV KNOWS THAT DEPARTMENT DOES NOT CONTROL THE MEDIA IN THIS COUNTRY BUT WOULD CONTINUE TO LOOK INTO ANY POSSIBLE LEGAL RECOURSE WE MIGHT HAVE.

2. "SOHO NEWS," A NY WEEKLY TABLOID, IN ITS ISSUE DATED MARCH 4 (WHICH WENT ON SALE IN NY MARCH 3) CARRIED

ARTICLE ENTITLED "WHERE THE SOVIET SPIES ARE." ARTICLE FEATURED PHOTOS OF POLISH VICE CONSUL KUCZAWSKY, PHOTOS OF POLISH AND SOVIET OFFICIALS' RESIDENCES IN NY, AND LISTED NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF TWO POLISH AND FIVE SOVIET OFFICIALS IN NY, AND FIVE POLISH OFFICIALS IN CHICAGO. ARTICLE ALSO DESCRIBED INTERVIEW WITH DR. KONSTANTY Z. HANFF WHO IS CONNECTED WITH GROUP CALLED COMBAT ORGANIZATION OF FREE POLAND, WHICH PUBLICIZED THE INFORMATION AND ACCUSED THE OFFICIALS OF ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES.

3. FYI. CHANNEL 7 IN NY CARRIED STORY ON THE ARTICLE MARCH 2 BUT WE ARE NOT AWARE OF FURTHER BROADCASTS.

4. MARCH 4 DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE CHAIRED INTERAGENCY MEETING ABOUT PROBLEM OF PROTECTING SOVIETS IN NEW YORK, AND POSSIBLE DANGERS POSED BY PUBLICATION OF SOVIET AND POLISH INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS' IDENTITIES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE. DEPARTMENT DECIDED TO HAVE USUN SECURITY OFFICER OFFER TO CONSULT WITH SMUN COUNTERPART AND NYPD TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE WAYS TO BE OF ASSISTANCE. KISSINGER

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